

of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LIFE SAVING TREATMENTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine connecting patients to new and potential life saving treatments, after receiving testimony from Darcy Olsen, Goldwater Institute, Phoenix, Arizona; Joseph V. Gulfo, Farleigh Dickinson University Rothman Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, New York, New York; Nancy Goodman, Kids v Cancer, Washington, D.C.; Laura McLinn, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Diego Morris, Phoenix, Arizona.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Robert C. Scott, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

IMPACT OF HIGH-SKILLED IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest concluded a hearing to examine the impact of high-skilled immigration on United States workers, after receiving testimony from John M. Miano, Washington Alliance of Technology Workers, Summit, New Jersey; Mark O'Neill, Jackthreads, New York, New York; Hal Salzman, Rutgers University E.J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy J.J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Chad Sparber, Colgate University, Hamilton,

New York; Ronil Hira, Howard University, Washington, D.C.; and Leo Perrero, Longwood, Florida.

U.S. PATENT SYSTEM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine changes to the United States patent system and impacts on America's small businesses, including S. 632, to strengthen the position of the United States as the world's leading innovator by amending title 35, United States Code, to protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the country's economy, S. 926, to amend the patent law to promote basic research, to stimulate publication of scientific documents, to encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, to improve the transfer of technology to the private sector, S. 1137, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, H.R. 9, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and H.R. 616, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for reforms to the EB-5 immigrant investor program, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Stoll, Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP, and Brian P. O'Shaughnessy, Licensing Executives Society (USA and Canada), Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4612–4632; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 82; H. Con. Res. 118–119; and H. Res. 625–626, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hardy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

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Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 3624, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 89.

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Rejected the Watson Coleman motion to recommend the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 88.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be

considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H913**

Agreed to:

Buck amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114-428) that makes technical changes to the bill; striking references to multiple defendants and replacing them with references to single defendants.

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Rejected:

Cartwright amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114-428) that sought to create a separate exception for plaintiffs seeking compensation resulting from the bad faith of an insurer (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 87).

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H. Res. 618, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) was agreed to yesterday, February 24th.

SHARE Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 2406, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, February 26th.

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H. Res. 619, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2406) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 91, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 90.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H915-16, H916-17, H917-18, H918-19, and H919. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF G-20 SWAP DATA REPORTING GOALS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit held a hearing to review the G-20 swap data reporting goals. Testimony was heard from John Rogers, Chief Information Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Robert McSwain, Principal

Deputy Director, Indian Health Service; and Mary Smith, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service.

VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Linda A. Halliday, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and John David Daigh, Jr., M.D., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., United States Marine Corps, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Mike McCord, Under Secretary, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a budget hearing on Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ostroff, Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; and Jay Tyler, Chief Financial Officer, Food and Drug Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF NAVAJO AND HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation. Testimony was heard from Chris Bavasi, Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a